

present gloom. Our duty is to stand firm at the post where Providence has placed us, testifying evermore by our cheerfulness, our charity and steadfastness, and our work to the reality of "those unseen things which are eternal" and to the furtherance of which we have devoted our lives.

Nor, as the Church's ministers, must we, in an age of scorn, surrender or compromise an iota of the Divine truth, or any article of the faith entrusted to her keeping, in the vain hope of satisfying a censorious or cynical criticism. "It is a grievous mistake that some Churchmen make, who expect to render their faith or their system more attractive by disembarassing it, as they think, of too positive truths and of a too strict observance of its ancient rites and its historic discipline. The more we are confronted with skepticism and negations of all kinds the more necessary it is to proclaim with firmness, though with temperance, the full teaching of the creeds, and to maintain with completeness the full observance of "the sacramental discipline of Christianity." And the laity, as well as the clergy, have need for warning in these times.—*Bishop Clarkson.*

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#### ANSWERED PRAYER.

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A LITTLE girl attended a class in a Lancashire town. The clergyman was anxious to enlist all in the effort to do good. He told them every one could pray, and asked all to pray for poor drunkards. Little Jane had a father whom the clergyman's counsel and his wife's entreaties had failed to turn from the fatal habit. The little girl knelt

down at her mother's knee to pray her evening prayer.

"Mother, may I pray one prayer more?"

"Yes, dear." And, with uplifted head, the child said:

"Oh God, save father, for Christ's sake;" and in her earnestness, her prayer was repeated.

An unheeded form stood by the door. Ears, hitherto deaf, listened, and stubborn knees knelt, while he asked the good Father to save him for Christ's sake. Children, you can all pray a little prayer to save yourselves and others from evil.

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The Bishop of Iowa has licensed as a lay reader at Storm Lake, Iowa, Mr. Thomas Hines, formerly a Methodist minister at Maroa, Ill.

R. G. Moses, a Baptist minister in Camden, N. J., was recently confirmed by the Bishop, and is a candidate for Holy Orders, or is about to be.

The Governor of Connecticut appointed Good Friday as a day of fasting and prayer. What would have been thought of such an act one hundred years ago?

On Friday, March 31st, the Bishop of Long Island ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. H. Richard Harris, Deacon, formerly a minister among the Congregationalists.

Mr. W. H. Goodisson, Presbyterian minister in Unionville, Ohio, has made his preliminary application to the Bishop, with a view to becoming a Candidate for Holy Orders.

Mr. Joseph Tinton Partin, who was recently ordained Deacon by the Archbishop of York, was a few months ago a Wesleyan, and the organist of a Wesleyan Chapel in Sheffield.